









**CLOSING QUOTATIONS.**  
**MONDAY, 21st February**  
**EXCHANGE.**

**LONDON.—**

Telegraphic Transfer .....	1/10½
Bank Bills, on demand .....	1/10½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight .....	1/10½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight .....	1/10½
Credits at 4 months' sight .....	1/10½

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/10½  
 ON PARIS.—  
 Bank Bills, on demand ..... 2/34½  
 Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 2/38  
 ON GERMANY.—  
 On demand..... 1/89½  
 ON NEW YORK.—  
 Bank Bills, on demand ..... 45½  
 Credits, 60 days' sight..... 46½

ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer .....	139
Bank, on demand .....	139½
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer .....	139
Bank, on demand .....	139½
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight .....	74½
Private, 30 days' sight .....	75½

ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	8 1/2 % pm.
ON MANILA.—	
On demand	11 % pm.
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	1 % pm.
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	10.61
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	55.50

**JOINT STOCK SHARES.**

COMPANY	PAID UP.	NEGOTIATIONS, &c.
Banks—		(\$341.25, ex div.
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	173 p.ct. prem.
China & Japan, pref.	25	nominal sal. &c.
Do. ordinary	\$3108.	nominal
Do. deferred	21	15.5s. buyers'
Natl. Bank of China		
B. Shares	28	\$183. sales
Fortn. Shares	21	\$184
Cell's Asiatic E. A. Co.	£1	nominal

Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$8.75
China Sugar .....	\$100	\$172, sales & inventory
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo .....	Tls. 100	Tls. 100, sellers
Hongkong .....	\$20	\$17, sellers
International .....	Tls. 100	Tls. 111
Loan Kung Now .....	Tls. 100	Tls. 110
Soychee .....	Tls. 500	Tls. 520
Yahloong .....	Tls. 100	Tls. 90
Dairy Farm .....	\$5	\$5

Penwick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$30, buyers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$13, sellers
Do. New Issue	\$24	\$17
H. & C. Bakery	\$50	\$33
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$10	\$120
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$14, sellers
H. H. L. Tramways	\$100	\$105
Hongkong Hotel	\$50	\$53, sellers
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$107, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$65, sales & buyers

Hongkong Hope .....	\$50	174, sellers
H. & W. Dock .....	\$125	228, p.ct. prem., <sup>xx</sup>
Insurance—		7422.50, buyers
Canon .....	\$50	5160, sellers
China Fire .....	\$20	1674
China Tradem' .....	\$25	668, sellers
Hongkong Fire .....	\$50	3752, sellers
North-China .....	225	131, 198
Straits .....	\$20	814, sellers
Union .....	\$25	3229, buyers

Yangtze.....	\$60	\$140
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$50	\$73, buyers
Huamphrey's Estate.....	\$10	\$9.25, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$10	\$174
West Point Building	\$40	\$204
Luxen Sugar.....	\$100	\$41, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages.....	Fcs. 500	\$145
St. Estn. & Colonial	\$5	\$5

Do.	\$2 1/2	\$3.15
Jelebu .....	\$5	\$2
New Balmoral .....	\$1	\$1.50, buyers
Do. Preference .....	\$1	\$1.75, buyers
(O)liver's Mines, A.....	\$5	\$19, sellers
Do. B.....	\$2 1/2	\$7 1/2, sellers
Funjom .....	\$5	\$6 1/2, sellers
Do. Preference .....	\$1	\$1.90, buyers
Raub .....	13s. 10d.	\$22
N. N. .....	\$14	\$15 1/2, sellers

New Alloy Dock.....	\$10	\$12, sellers
Steamship Coys.—		
China and Manilla.....	\$50	\$76, buyers
China Mutual Ord.....	\$10	\$7 1/2, buyers
Do. Preference. ....	\$10	\$5 1/2, buyers
Do. Do. ....	\$5	\$2 1/2, buyers
Douglas Steamship .....	\$50	\$53, buyers
Ho Canton and M.....	\$15	\$23 1/2
Indo-China S. N. ....	\$10	\$55, sellers
Tobruai Planting Co. ....	\$5	\$5, sellers
	\$5	\$5, sellers

Do.	\$2	\$2, sales
United Asbestos .....	\$2	\$2, sellers
Do.	\$10	\$10, nominal
Wanchai Warehouse...	\$37	\$41
Watson & Co., A. S. ...	\$10	\$12

J. V. Y. VERNON, Broker.

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## THE WEATHER.

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### CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Tempera- ture.	Humidity.	Wind.		Weather.	Rain last 24 hours
				Direction.	Force.		
Windsor stock.	30.13	30	—	SNW	2	b	...
Tokyo .....	29.90	—	—	N	2	—	...
Kobe .....	29.95	—	—	N	2	—	...

Rochester	25.76	—	—	NE	8	—	...
Nagasaki	20.91	—	—	N	4	—	...
Kagoshima	29.76	—	—	NNE	4	—	...
Guttsdorf	29.88	49	85	ENE	4	0	...
Sharp Peak	29.76	57	84	NE	4	0	...
Amoy	29.68	61	44	ENE	1	0	...
Swatow	—	—	—	ENE	1	0	...
Canton	29.65	65	89	E	4	0	...
Hongkong	29.64	65	96	E	4	0	...
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	SE	5	—	...

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Nagasaki .....	29.87	—	—	N	4	—	...
Kugoshima .....	29.85	—	—	SE	8	—	...
Gutsulad .....	29.68	47	98	NNE	1	CV	...
Sharp Peak .....	29.90	55	87	—	0	OF	...
Amoy .....	29.88	59	88	NE	1	OF	...
Swallow .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Canton .....	29.87	55	87	N	2	0	...
Hongkong .....	29.52	65	90	—	0	0	...
Victoria Peak .....	—	—	—	NE	2	—	...
Gar Rock .....	29.81	—	—	NNE	4	—	...

Macao .....	29.83	59	—	KW	2	0	...
Haiphong .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Bolingo .....	29.86	32	83	SE	2	c	(..)
Manila .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Cape S. James .....	—	—	—	SSW	3	0	...

On the 24th at 11.35 a.m. The barometer has risen moderately about the Sea of Japan, and slightly elsewhere. Pressure is highest over N. China, lowest in the troughlike depression lying across the N. part of the China Sea. Sea quite moderate. Forecast:—Fresh or strong E. winds; no

On the 21st at 11 40 a.m. The barometer had risen on the China coast and in Luzon, fallen in W. Japan. Pressure is highest in N. China, lowest in a depression lying in the neighborhood of the Loochoo island, and in a second area covering the W. side of the China Sea. Gradients moderate. Forecast: Moderate or fresh N. and N.E. winds; cloudy some rain.

HONGKONG REGISTER		
Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 3 p.m.
29.95	29.95	29.95

Barometer	29.84	29.82	29.77
Temperature	63	65	61
Humidity	96	90	81
Direction of wind	E	N	WNW
Force	—	0	2
Weather	cd	—	cd
Rain	—	0.31	—

Highest open air temperature on the 20th ..... 65  
 Lowest open air temperature on the 20th ..... 56  
 1—BAROMETERS reduced to 32 degrees Fahr. at sea level.  
 2—TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.  
 3—HUMIDITY in percentage of saturation, the humidity

- Direction of wind blowing to two points.  
 - Force of wind according to Beaufort Scale.  
 - STATE OF THE WEATHER: b. blue sky; c. detached clouds; d. drizzling rain; f. fog; g. gloomy; h. hail; i. lightning; o. overcast; p. passing showers; q. squally rain; s. snow; t. thunder; v. visibility; w. dew (wet).  
 F. G. FIGG, Acting Director.  
 Hongkong Observatory, 21st February, 1898.  
 MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER, 21st Feb.  
 Barometer 9 A.M. 29.74 Therm. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb)  
 Barometer 3 P.M. 29.72 Therm. 3 P.M. (Wet bulb)

Barometer 4 P.M.	29.71	Thermom. 4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	67
Barometer 4 P.M.	29.71	Thermom. Maximum	67
Thermom. 9 A.M.	67	Thermom. Minimum	64
Thermom. 1 P.M.	67	Thermom. Minimum (over-)	64
Thermom. 4 P.M.	64	Thermom. (night)	64

**HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.**  
 22nd to 28th February.

HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
11.15	11.15	11.15	11.15

	Day of Week	Day of Month	Longitude Mean Time.	Height	Longitude Mean Time.	Height
Tues.	22	m 10 29	3 1	m 4 2	1	
Wed.	23	m 10 27	4 9	m 4 33	1	
Thurs.	24	m 10 55	3 4	m 4 39	1	
Fri.	25	m 11 9	4 2	m 4 33	1	
Sat.	26	m 11 20	3 7	m 4 57	1	
Sun.	27	m 11 49	3 6	m 5 9	1	
Mon.	28	m 11 45	3 8	m 5 29	1	

rs-	Jan.	26	m	0.30	2	0	m	5	46	0
			m	0.11	3	0	m	8	53	0
	Sum.	27	m	1.18	22	0	m	8	6	0
tax-			m	0.40	3	0	m	8	12	0
	Mon.	28	m	2.25	1	5	m	6	14	0
			1	21	8	8	10	2	1	0

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